

# **Somali Outreach Project**

**Charity No. 1159399**

**Trustees' Annual Report for the Year Ended 31 May 2024**

## **Reference and Administrative Details**

- **Charity No.:** 1159399
- **Principal Office:** The Point, 602 Midsummer Boulevard, Milton Keynes MK9 3NB
- **Directors and Trustees:** Abdirahman Abdullahi, Mohamed Abdi, Khalif Mohamoud, Faisal Abdulahi

## **Structure, Governance, and Management**

The Somali Outreach Project (SOP) operates as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). The trustees are responsible for the overall control and management of the charity. They are elected and co-opted under the terms of the trust deed.

The charity has implemented detailed policies related to equality and diversity, health and safety, safeguarding children and vulnerable adults, data protection, recycling, and complaints.

## **Objectives and Activities**

The primary objectives of SOP are to reduce crime, promote social inclusion, and build community capacity. These aims are achieved by engaging Somali youth and parents, collaborating with government institutions, and fostering dialogue within the wider community.

### **Key Activities Include:**

- On-foot patrols
- Mediating between the community and Thames Valley Police
- Meeting with neighborhood policing and Prevent teams
- Promoting community issues in discussions with the police and local authorities
- Developing educational programs and recreational projects
- Organizing courses and events
- Collaborating with similar groups for information exchange and support

## **Achievements and Performance**

Throughout the year, SOP has continued to address youth crime and social inclusion through various programs and partnerships. Significant progress has been made in fostering community cohesion and supporting innovative local solutions.

## **Financial Review**

For the period ending 31 May 2024, the Somali Outreach Project received funding from multiple sources to support its various initiatives:

- **Milton Keynes Council:** £26,633.50 for the Holiday Activities and Food Programme
- **TNL Community Fund:** £9,315.00 for crime reduction under the COVID-19 pandemic fund
- **Bedford Borough Council:** £1,700 for the Health Awareness Project
- **Thames Valley Police Fund:** £6,500 for the outreach project focusing on youth crime reduction and social inclusion
- **AB Charitable Trust:** £5,000 for unrestricted funds covering administrative and utility costs

The total income for the year was £49,148.50, with corresponding expenditures of £49,148.50, resulting in a balanced budget.

## **Plans for Future Periods**

SOP aims to identify new funding sources to expand its projects and objectives. The organisation is also looking to attract talented individuals to join the board, bringing innovation and creativity to tackle service delivery challenges and support youth.

## **Risk Management**

The trustees have identified major risks across various activities and have implemented measures to manage them effectively. A risk matrix has been developed to address these risks comprehensively.

## **Independent Examiner's Report**

The financial statements for the year ended 31 May 2024 have been examined by Mr. Lee Gure. The examination confirmed that the charity's financial records and statements comply with the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities SORP (FRS 102).

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 May 2024

Income	£
Milton Keynes Council	26,633.50
TNL Community Fund	9,315.00
Bedford Borough Council	1,700.00
Thames Valley Police	6,500.00
AB Charitable Trust	5,000.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>49,148.50</b>

Expenditure	£
Total Expenditure	49,148.50
<b>Net Income/ Expenditure</b>	<b>0</b>

Conclusion

The Somali Outreach Project continues to fulfil its mission of educating, engaging, advising, and empowering the community. Through collaborative efforts and sustained funding, the charity is significantly impacting crime reduction and social inclusion in the Somali community.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on [Insert Approval Date] and signed on its behalf by:

Abdirahman Abdullahi  
Chair of Trustees